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SUBJECT: OECD MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING,
MAY 15-16, 1974

DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THAT MAIN PURPOSE THIS MEETING IS TO
ASSESS IMPACT OF RECENT ADOPTION OF UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR LINER CONFERENCES ON OECD COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN
LIGHT OF LATTER'S SPLIT IN VOTING ON CODE. THIS WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY PROVOKE SOME SOUL-SEARCHING ON PART OF SOME
MTC REPS REGARDING FUTURE ROLE OF MTC ITSELF.
FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR US DELEGATION SUBJECT MEETING KEYED
TO AGENDA (MT/A(74)1 WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE:

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS -- US REP SHOULD CONSULT WITH
OTHER DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO MEETING IN ORDER TO PERMIT
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REACHING OF TRADITIONAL CONSENSUS DECISION ON CHOICE OF

MTC OFFICERS.

3. SUMMARY RECORD (MT/M(74)1 AND CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX) ARE SATISFACTORY FROM US STANDPOINT.

4. REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL SHIPPING MATTERS (MT(74)3) MAY BE NOTED.

5. U.S. DEL MAY JOIN IN NOTING REPORT ON GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS (MT(74)4).

6. DURING RE-EXAMINATION OF BUNKERING PROBLEMS (DAF/MTC/74.18), U.S. DEL MAY REPORT THAT NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES WERE REPORTED IN U.S. TRADES SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING. EXCEPT FOR HIGHER PRICES AND SLOWER SPEEDS IN SOME INSTANCES OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL.

7. SHIPPING POLICY MATTERS (DAF/MTC/74.10). U.S. DEL MAY REPORT ON FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST SINCE THE LAST MTC MEETING.

(A) BRAZIL - U.S. UNDERSTANDS THE GOB HAS CONCLUDED A YET-TO-BE IMPLEMENTED BILATERAL MARITIME TREATY (COPY TO BE PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARIAT) WITH PERU AND DISCUSSING A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT WITH CHILE. THE TREATY CALLS FOR 50/50 DIVISION OF TOTAL TRADE FOR NATIONAL FLAG CARRIERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(B) ARGENTINA: THE GOA HAS CONCLUDED AND APPROVED A BILATERAL MARITIME TREATY WITH PERU ALONG THE LINES OF THE ACCORD BETWEEN BRAZIL AND PERU. (COPY OF TEXT TO BE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARIAT.)

(C) UNITED STATES: DEL MAY REPORT ON U.S. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MTC MEETING RELATING TO THE US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT, U.S. LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY MATTERS.

8. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: SECRETARIAT NOTE (DAF/MTC/74.19) CONSTITUTES USEFUL STARTING POINT FOR MTC COMMUNICATIONS.

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CATION TO DAC, BUT WILL REQUIRE SOME EDITING, ESPECIALLY MORE POSITIVE APPROACH IN SEC. V. U.S. REP MAY PROPOSE THAT AFTER MTC REVIEW OF DOCUMENT, MTC ASSIGN SMALL DRAFTING GROUP TO POLISH UP TEXT.

9. UNCTAD

(A) THIS WILL BE MAIN AGENDA ITEM OF MTC MEETING. U.S.

REP WILL BE PREPARED TO DESCRIBE RESULTS OF U.S. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF CODE TO DATE. HE SHOULD ELICIT VIEWS OF OTHER DELS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED FOR CODE AT UN CONFERENCE, ON THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDES TO POSSIBLE SIGNING AND RATIFYING OF CODE.

(B) WE ANTICIPATE THAT DISCUSSION THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE OF PRELIMINARY NATURE ONLY AND DEDICATED MAINLY TO ESTABLISHING SCHEDULE FOR MTC SPECIAL GROUP ON UNCTAD. RUSH

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